Marijuana cultivation explained in Mel Frank's Guide

By ADAM BRAFF

I N T H E P R E F A C E T O H I S Marijuana Grower's Insider's Guide, Mel Frank addresses the amateur farmer and hazards a guess as to the reader's first talking attempt at cultivating a commod-
ious sativa. "Very likely you buried some seeds in a flower pot... [and] watered them faithfully every day," he writes, "and harvested four disappointing joints. It need not have been this way..."

Frank then launches into a treatise on, among other things, how to grow plants that are anything but the pitiful offerings produced by the novice marijuana grower. It is possible, he writes, for even the most inexperienced gardener to produce a po-
tent crop provided he calls the necessary "foreground and insight" from the Guide. His black-and-white photographs of ten-
foot high plants provide ample testimony to his techniques. Most of the extremely large plants, how-
ever, are the result of outdoor cultivation, a subject which Frank does not address in great detail in his book. The "Insider's Guide" which he promises in the title is just that: a guide aimed primarily at the inexperienced gardener to produce a po-
tent crop provided they have the necessary nullifying factors as well.

At several points in the book, the au-
thed for growing marijuana, stopping just short of giving charts and diagrams on how to roll a joint. Final-
ly, Frank's book is more practical than po-
etic, handling sensitive issues such as secu-
ri ty with straightforward solutions. His discussions of security, although in them-

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